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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket Number DARS-2013-0045]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Subcontracting Policies and Procedures

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD)

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. DoD invites comments on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection requirement for use through

January 31, 2014. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for three additional years.

DATES: DoD will consider all comments received by **[Insert date 60 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704-0253, using any of the following methods:

- o *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- o *E-mail:* dfars@mail.mil. Include OMB Control Number 0704-0253 in the subject line of the message.

- o *Fax:* 571-372-6094.

- o *Mail:* Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Attn: Ms. Annette Gray, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DARS), 3060 Defense Pentagon, Room 3B855, Washington, DC 20301-3060.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Annette Gray, 571-372-6093.

The information collection requirements addressed in this notice are available on the World Wide Web at:

<http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/dfarspgi/current/index.html>.

Paper copies are available from Ms. Annette Gray,

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 244, Subcontracting Policies and Procedures; OMB Control Number 0704-0253.

Needs and Uses: Administrative contracting officers use this information in making decisions to grant, withhold, or withdraw purchasing system approval at the conclusion of a purchasing system review. Withdrawal of purchasing system approval would necessitate Government consent to individual subcontracts.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,440.

Number of Respondents: 90.

Responses per Respondent: Approximately 1.

Annual Responses: 90.

Average Burden per Response: 16 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

Summary of Information Collection

This information collection includes the requirements of DFARS 244.305, entitled "Granting, withholding, or withdrawing approval" of a contractor's purchasing system. DFARS 244.305-70 provides policy guidance for administrative contracting officers to determine the acceptability of the contractor's purchasing system and approve or disprove the system, at the completion of the in-plant portion of a contractor purchasing system review,

and to pursue correction of any deficiencies with the contractor. DFARS 244.305-71 prescribes the use of clause 252.244-7001, Contractor Purchasing System Administration. This clause requires the contractor to respond within 30 days to a written initial determination from the contracting officer that identifies significant deficiencies in the contractor's purchasing system. The contracting officer will evaluate the contractor's response to this initial determination and notify the contractor in writing of any remaining significant deficiencies, the adequacy of any proposed or completed corrective action and system disapproval if the contracting officer determines that one or more significant deficiencies remain. If the contractor receives the contracting officer's final determination of significant deficiencies, the contractor has 45 days to either correct the significant deficiencies or submit an acceptable corrective action plan.

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